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By his Highness the Lord Protector's Council
for the Affairs of Ireland.



For the better destroying of Wolves, which of late years have much increased in many parts of this Nation: It is Ordered and Declared, That the Officers commanding in chief, or any two, or more of the Justices of the Peace, in the several and respective Precincts of this Nation do consider of, use and execute all good ways and means for the destroying of Wolves in the Counties, Towns, and Places in the respective Precincts, and to employ such Person or Persons, and to appoint such days and times for hunting the Wolf as they shall judge fitting and necessary. And it is farther Ordered, That all Person or Persons that shall take, kill, or Destroy any Wolf, making it appear before any one, or more of the said Officers commanding in chief, and of the other Justices of the Peace within the Precincts, where such Wolf is or shall be taken, that he or they have taken or destroyed such Wolf; and to that end shall bring forth the Head of the Wolf, so taken, before the said Officers or Justices, who being well satisfied with the evidence brought before them, that such Person or Persons, have taken or destroyed

ed, or caused to be taken or destroyed such Wolf or Wolves, that such Person or Persons, shall have and receive for every such Wolf, so taken and destroyed (for which they shall bring proof as aforesaid) the sum of monies hereafter following, viz. For every Bitch Wolf, six pounds; for every Dog Wolf, five pounds; for every Cub which preyeth for himself, forty shillings; for every Sucking Cub, ten shillings. And no Wolf after the last of September, till the tenth of January shall be accounted a young Wolf. And for the better encouragement of all such Persons, as shall take or destroy any Wolf or Wolves, It is farther Ordered, That the said Officers commanding in chief, and any two Justices of the Peace, are hereby authorized and empowered, (upon good proof made as aforesaid, that such Wolves have been taken and destroyed as aforesaid, the said Officers and Justices being well satisfied of the truth thereof, and that there hath been no fraud nor deceit used therein) That then they do give Order in writing to the Receiver in the said Precincts, to pay or cause to be paid to such Person or Persons, as have taken, killed, and destroyed, or caused to be taken, killed, and destroyed such Wolf or Wolves as aforesaid, the respective sums before directed.

And the Warrant of the said Officers and Justices, together with the Receipt of the Person appointed to receive the same, being one of the Persons by them judged and declared to have taken, killed, and destroyed the said Wolf, shall be a sufficient Warrant to the said Receiver, to pay the same out of any publick Treasure remaining and being in his hands. And it is farther Ordered, That the said Receiver shall every three months from time to time give an account in writing to the Commissioners appointed for the raising of the monthly Assesments, what sum or sums of monies have been by him paid and disbursed for killing and taking of Wolves by Order as aforesaid; and the said Commissioners of Assesment shall cause the said sum so paid by the Receiver, to be equally Assessed, Laid and Applotted on the several Counties, Towns, Villages, Baronies and Places within the respective Precincts, in like manner and according to such Rules and Instructions to them given, for raising, Assessing, and Leavying the monthly Assesments, the same to be brought in and paid together with the Assesments to the said Receiver.

And the said Commissioners of the Assesment shall and may and are hereby authorized and required to Assess, Leavy, and Collect, and to cause to be Assessed, Leavied, and Collected the said sum or sums abovesaid, and to inflict all Penalties, Fines, and other Punishments upon such as shall neglect or refuse to pay such sum or sums of monies; or to Assess, Leavy, and Collect the same according to the power given or to be given them, for the Raising, Leavying, and Collecting the monthly Assesments. And all Officers and Souldiers, and all Officers and Ministers of Justice, are to be Aiding and Assisting to them in the Execution of the power hereby given unto them as they shall be thereunto required. And it is farther Ordered, That this Order be and do continue in force from the determination of the last Declaration, unto the first day of July next, being in the year, 1657.

Dated at Dublin, July 7. 1656.

Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.

By his Highness the Lord Protector's Council for the Affairs of IRELAND.

Ordered, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.

Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.